DIRECTORS TRY TO SHIFT BLAME

Equitable Officials Join State in Asking an Investigation.

MANY CHARGES ADMITTED

MANAGERS OF THE COMPANY RESPONSIBLE.

EW YORK, Aug. 25 .- The Equitable Life Assurance society today joined with the state of New York in asking for a full investigation in court of its directors and officers and their alleged wrongdoings in managing the moneys of the society. The document which announced this determination was the answer of the forty-nine Equitable directors to the charges against them by the state.

Admission is made that the Equitable had been guilty of improper acts. Among these answers they admit the \$250,000 loan to the Depew Improvement company. They admit the \$865,000 loan of the Mercantile Trust company, but waive responsibility in this lease. waive responsibility in this loan so far as the board of directors is concerned, and indicate Messrs. Alexander, Jordan and Deming as the persons having the most intimate knowledge of these transactions.

Admit Excessive Salaries.

The charge that excessive salaries were paid to officers of the society is not directly answered, but admission is made that under guise of salaries excessive fees were given to certain of-ficials who were also directors in other

cantile company.

With certain reservations admission is then made that the capital stock of the Missouri Safe Deposit company was acquired by the Equitable, which paid \$250 per share for shares of a par value of \$100. The reservations in favor of the Equitable in connection with this charge include a claim that these allegations are true in respect to certain of the Equitable officials, but that the alleged purchases were never known to the whole board of directors.

Guilty of Grave Errors.

The directors admit that the officers who permitted wasteful, improvident and improper advances of money to agents may have been guilty of grave errors of judgment, but assert that they have no information sufficient to form a belief that these officers were knowingly guilty of such improper acts.

The consolidation of the Western National bank, by which losses resulted to the Equitable and a profit to some of its directors, is also admitted. But the directors say that the responsibility for these losses must be divided among those who "directly say that the responsibility for these losses must be divided among those who "directly say the say say those who "directly participated in, or had, or by reason of their official duties and position, should have had knowland position, should have edge of the transactions.

Figures Are True.

The table of alleged improper salaries to Equitable officers, which was embodied in the state's charges, is declared to be a true statement of the figures. A direct admission is then made that these sums were paid without sufficient vouchers or audit, but the directors say their opinion is reserved as to whether such sums were large and in all cases unwarranted.

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Admissions of greater latitude are made on the subject of pensions and to the charges that money under the guise of fees was received by directors and stockholders who were also officers of the Equitable and other cor-porations. After admission that these moneys were received as charged, the reply states:

Ignorant of Transactions.

'Any of these defendants were ignor ant of said transactions, which were not of a character necessarily known to the whole board of directors." Fur-

Taking up the \$685,000 loan of the Mercantile Trust company, an admission of its existence is made, but the directors deny that they improperly permitted this transaction.

Camps. The train will reach Tom at 9:40 o'clock the following night.

To Celebrate at Malad.

Malad is preparing to celebrate

the trust company had asserted a claim against the Equitable and after this claim had been resisted and disallowed two miles. There is still a considerable amount of track and sidings to put in. by the present managing officers of the

The Depew Loan.

The \$250,000 loan to the Depew Improvement company is next admitted, with a provision which states that this admission is restricted to "those of the individual defendants who were or ought to have been cognizant of these transactions."

September 1st and Unit Company is next admitted. From Salt Lake only \$18.00; proportionate rates from other stations. Ticket sgood for return until Sept. 30. See agents for further particulars. City Ticket office 201 Main street.

examination of the facts in connection with the Depew Improvement company is now presented with a view to re-covering by legal action or by adjust-ment of the court any sums that may be found due to the Equitable, whether the persons now possessing this money are officers of the Equitable or the De-bew Improvement company.

pew Improvement company.

The charges of the existence of ex cessive deposits in the National Bank of Commerce of New York and at least nineteen other banks are admitted, but this admission is restricted to those directors and officers who actually had charge of or knowledge of those transactions.

actions. Excessive Deposits.

Precisely the same restricted admis sion is made concerning the officers of the American Deposit & Loan com-pany, a corporation which is admitted to have been organized for lending money to policy holders upon policies held in the Equitable, and used to the profit of directors and others in the Equitable.

The \$10,000,000 surplus held by the The \$10,000,000 surplus held by the Equitable society is the final item considered by the directors and in substance their reply to this charge is that they do not know precisely what their rights are regarding the surplus and that they are willing to leave matter for the courts to decide.

THE CLEANEST RESTAURANT In Salt Lake and the best cooking Dairy Launch Room, 154 So. W. Temple MRS. MARY ISABELLA HORNE, PIONEER AND RELIEF SOCIETY WORKER, DIES



cessive fees were given to certain officials who were also directors in other companies. In defense the answer states that these practices were not known to the whole board of directors. Outlining their belief as to the best policy to pursue in fixing the blame for the scandals, the directors say first that the blame for alleged cases of misconduct will be found to rest on individual officers and not upon the directors as a body. Having made this explanation the answer then admits in a general way the wrongdoing charged.

The first charge specifically answered is that premises on Broadway were let at inadequate rentals to the Mercantile Safe Deposit company. This is admitted, but it is denied that at the time this lease was made James H. Hyde, J. W. Alexander, Gage E. Tarbell, V. P. Snyder, Thomas D. Jordan, Charles B. Alexander, H. R. Winthrop, A. W. Krech and William H. McIntyre were stockholders and directors in the Mercantille company. longing to Apostle John Taylor's com-pany, for Salt Lake, arriving here, in the summer of 1847, where she has since resided.

She at once became a prominent

church worker and kept faithfully at her work until death called her away. In 1853 she served as counselor to Phoebe Woodruff, president of the Relief society of the Fourteenth ward, and later became president of that organization, which position she held for

WYCHE TO BUILD ROAD.

In Charge for Western Pacific at Salt Lake End.

ple of Weber County.

The electrical storm that raged in Ogden last night was one of the wiidest ever witnessed in this vicinity. There were long periods when flash followed flash of lightings so rapidity as to make almost one continual glare. The rost and rattle of thunder was also continuous. The rain amounted to a deluge. The streets were flooded within a few minutes after the storm began to descend. Street cars were stopped, the fuses and the transformers of the electric lighting system were disarranged in various parts of the city, so that the city was for a time in darkness in a number of sections. The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company also had its lines badly damaged, nearly half of the instruments in the city-being put out of business temporarily. The line to Logan and Blackfoof went down and was not repaired during the night. At the Western Union office about twenty-five fuses were burned out. This did not entail great damage, but made things lively in the operating room while the storm was in progress, as the fuses kept snapping with reports as loud as pistol shots. All this while the thunder, lightning and rainfall were continuous. The first disturbance began a little after 7 o'clock and raged for about forty minutes, when there was a lull for nearly an hour, when a second storm ensued with equal violence. The lighting company put on forces of men to repair the damage done by the storm, and had most of the breaks repaired which had been made by the first storm before the second one came on. The linemen had much of their work to do over again after the second storm, but most of the lights of the city were repaired by 10 o'clock.

In the campon the storm was furious, and the campers suffered a great amount of discomfort, rain beating through their On top of the visit to this city of Chief Engineer E. J. Yard of the Denver & Rio Grande for the purpose of looking over proposed sites for Western Pacific terminals, etc., comes the announcement that the Western Pacific will again open offices in Salt Lake and that Thomas J. Wyche will be in charge. Mr. Wyche is at present division engineer for the Union Pacific. It is understood that he will be in charge of the construction of the first 282 miles out of Salt Lake. out of Salt Lake.

Until the arrival of Chief Engineer Virgil J. Bogue of the Western Pacific, actual operations will not be begun.
Chief Engineer Yard and General
Manager A. C. Ridgeway of the Denver
& Rio Grande left yesterday afternoon

B. F. House of the Western Pacific engineering corps has arrived in Reno from Salt Lake to take charge of the crew now working east from Winne-mucca, revising the line. His camp at the present time is on the Bliss ranch twelve miles east of this place.

Mr. House says several changes have been made in the line through the Bliss property.

SLEEPERS TO TONOPAH.

Through Train Service Is Announced by Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Aug. 25.-The Southern Pacific company will inaugurate a through train service to Tonopah, by ther on the reply states:
"Some officers gaid pensions were found to be justinable, and some others."

Way of the Hazen cut-on, way of the Hazen c The train will reach Tonopal

permitted this transaction.

Finally admission of the payment of this \$685,000 to the Mercantile Trust company on July 14 last is made, but it is said that this occurred only after

DENVER EXCURSIONS.

A SPOON SHAKER

Straight From Coffeedom. Coffee can marshall a good squadron

William Gill, a laborer on the Sand Ridge cut-off, yesterday stabbed Mike Doran, a fellow laborer and friend, inflicting a bad wound in the back just above the kidners. Both men had been drinking, but neither was intoxicated. Gill is a man much smaller than Doran, his partner, and claims he used the knife in self-defense. The two men were in the Diamond saloon and Gill gave Doran some gratuitous advice regarding the latter's brother. Dosan resented the advice and struck Gill. Thereupon Gill pulled a knife and struck the other man with it in the back. Doran walked out to the Sand Ridge camp before he resilized how serious his wound was, and then he came back. Dr. Gorden, the county physician, attended to the wounded man. Gill was soon arrested and is held at the county juli to await the outcome of the injuries inflicted upon Doran. It is not thought they will be serious. of enemies and some very hard ones to overcome. A lady in Florida writes: "I have always been very fond of good coffee, and for years drank it at least three times a day. At last, however, I found that it was injuring me.
"I became billious, subject to frequent "I became bilious, subject to frequent and violent headaches, and so very nervous that I could not lift a spoon to my mouth without spilling a part of its contents: my beart got 'rickety' and beat so fast and so hard that I could scarcely breathe, while my skin got thick and dingy, with yellow blotches on my face, caused by the condition of my liver and blood. I made up my mind that all these afflictions came from the coffee, and I determined to from the coffee, and I determined to

experiment and see.
"So I quit coffee and got a package of Postum, which furnished my hot morning beverage. After a little time the Utah Light & Railway company I was rewarded by a complete restoration of my health in every respect. It or as a transforming station, which is needed in Ogden. do not suffer from biliousness any more, my headaches have disappeared, my nerves are as steady as could be denerves are as steady as could be desired, my heart beats regularly and my complexion has cleared up beautifully—the blotches have been wiped out and it is such a pleasure to be well again." Name given by Postum Co., There's a reason.

Robbed of Forty Dollars.

Another case of pocket-picking was reported yesterday to the police. An old man en route from Massachusetts to massachusetts to additionally the postum co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

Robbed of Forty Dollars.

The first me ting of creditors of George McGonagie, bankrupt, has been set for hearing Sept. 6 before Commissioner. Thomas Maloney.

E. M. Ramey yesterday brought to the robbed of 30, presumably by a stranger who bad accessed him on the depot for some time.

AMUSEMENTS

The Lyric theatre season opens to-night with "The Colonial Belles," 'an extravaganza company that will have a week's engagement, with matinees on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. The organization comes highly re-commended and the Lyric management assures its patrons that they will be more than satisfactorily entertained. Twenty-five pretty girls, "in dainty costumes, and blessed with fresh and musical voices," are promised, together with a number of clever vaudeville features.

The final performance of "Mrs. Black is Back," was given before a larg audience in the Salt Lake theatre las night.

FISH ARE KILLED OFF.

Muddy Water.

Several hundred trout confined in private ponds and aquariums of the city met death as a result of the muddy water that flowed into the ponds from Parley's creek yesterday. Notable sufferers were the up-town restaurants that keep a supply of trout in glass cases for table use. One of these restaurants reported its loss as about 200 trout, while others suffered propor-

The fish did not appear to be affected by the muddy water until during the afternoon. They moved around as usual for a time after the supply streams began to discharge the discolored water and no thought was given to the fish in connection with the colored water and no thought was given to the fish in connection with the condition of the water. Early in the afternoon employes of the places noticed that a few fish were dying, but paid no particular attention to them. Later on, however, the fish began to die by two, threes and dozens and by early evening there was not a living fish in any of the cases. Crawfish, turtles and other animals confined in the cases did not appear to be affected by the muddy water. by the muddy water.

With the excursion on the Oregon Shor

Women's Belts

belts, gilt buckles all summer at 25c each. This Satur-

Hundreds Die in Tanks Because of

HELD'S BAND Will Go to Ogden

Line on Sunday, Aug. 27. There will be a special train leaving Salt Lake at 6:40 p. m., and returning leaving Ogden at 1:30 p. m. Bicycles will be carried free.

Two Colored Women of

Ogden.

SUES FOR DIVORCE.

SENT TO ASYLUM.

Won't Pay Tax.

Forfeited Fifty Dollars to City.

A. J. Cook, who was arrested at the Union depot Thursday night by Captain Brown and Officer Robert Burke, charged with the larceny of a grip, and who deposited \$50 as bail, did not appear to explain how he came to walk off with the extra bit of baggage, and his \$50 was lectared forfeited.

Ogden Briefs.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen have re-

Mrs. Margaret Piles of Iowa has signed contract to teach school in Weber ounty this year and has been assigned o Randall.

OGDEN NEWS

Office, 2484 Washington Avenue.

by Heavy Rainfall, Startles Peo-

ple of Weber County.

by 10 o'clock.\
In the campon the storm was furious, and the campers suffered a great amount of discomfort, rain beating through their tents as though they were nothing more than cheese cloth. Quantities of dirt and gravel were washed down from the hill-sides and some damage was done to the roads.

roads.

During the first disturbance a bolt of lightning struck a warehouse at the corner of Grant avenue and Twenteth street. The building is owned by Smith Brothers and used in connection with their mattress factory. The bolt ripped off a number of shingles and set the place on fire. The fire department, on reaching the place, put the flames out by the use of chemicals. Another bolt of lightning struck the rock plie at the city stockade.

USES KNIFE ON FRIEND.

Gratuitous Advice to Mike Doran

the Cause of His Wounding.

William Gill, a laborer on the Sand

DEAL IS PENDING.

Big Company May Furnish Power for Street Cars.

R. S. Campbell, manager of the Utsh Light & Rallway company, and Willard Young, engineer of the same company, were in Ogden yesterday consulting with David Eccles over a proposition looking toward the furnishing by the Utsh-Light & Rallway company of the electric power for the operation of the Ogden Bapid Transit company. The proposition has been under consideration for several months. No agreement, however, was reached yesterday, although Mr. Eccles stated that the matter had been considered and negotiations would be resumed. In case the deal is consummated it is expected that the street car people will give up the present power plant and that

Ogden, Saturday, Aug. 26.

MACCABEES IN PECK OF TROUBLE

WILD PRANKS OF LIGHTNING STABBED WITH A HAT PIN Salt Lake Tent No. 2 Is Suspended Electrical Disturbance, Accompanied Weapon Figures in Affray Between and Finances Are Mixed.

STORMY MEETINGS HELD

A hatpin figured in a set-to between Mrs. Alexander Johnson and Miss Keyes, two colored women, Thursday night, and as a result a complaint charging Miss Keyes with assault was issued. The term "deadly weapon" was not used, although it is claimed that Mrs. Johnson suffered two stabs from the hatpin-one in the face and another in the back of the neck.

The two women have not been very BOTH FACTIONS FAIL TO SOLVE PROBLEM.

Financial tangles have raised turmoil in the ranks of Sait Lake tent No. 2, Maccabees of the World. Just now the tent is suspended from the supreme tent, and its members are more or less at loghatpin.

Miss Keyes last night called up the station and accepted service of the warrant. She will have a hearing this morngerheads over the question of how to back and how to straighten out their

tangled affairs. The history of the trouble runs after this fashion: A little over a month ago E. J. Wilkinson, record keeper of this Utah Husband Seeks Freedom From tent, was declared short in his accounts hat sometimes the tent owed him mone sometimes the tent owed him money; that his system of bookkeeping might be loose, but that he arrived at results all right. And so he turned over what he declared was the balance due the tent. Later he was removed from office. Benjamin Stanton, for thirty-five years husband, yesterday filed an action praying that the district court dissolve the bonds of matrimony which have existed

Stormy Meetings Held.

bonds of matrimony which have existed for that time between him and Mrs. Ellen Stanton. The complaint filed yesterday in the office of the county clerk of Weber county asserts that the couple were married in Bedfordshire in 1870, but that for several years past there has been another man in the case who, were the parties residing in Utah in place of at Leeds. England, would be named as a co-respondent. The name of this man is John C. Maxwell. Mr. Stanton asserts in his complaint that the couple have been living together for a number of years. He asks merely for divorce. Voincy C. Gungell is his attorner. It is understood the defendant and Maxwell are in England. Stormy Meetings Held.

Then began developments which are still coming. Stormy meetings were held. The financial affairs of the tent were admittedly in bad shape. It had not paid up to date fits dues to the grand tent. Factions arose over the selection of a new record keeper.

Then came declarations that the men at the head of the tent had squandered its funds, and that while affairs had seemed prosperous, they really were not. Charges were made that uniforms had been paid for by assessment and never came into evidence. Committees were appointed to try to get leniency from heavy oreditors. They are said to have failed to get it.

Assessment is Opposed.

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Charles O. Holmes of Boston Loses

His Reason.

Charles O. Holmes was vesterday committed to the state mental hospital by the physicians, Drs. Condon and Hinton, after an examination which lasted a long time. Holmes several days are gave himself up to the authorities, saying that he feared he was losing his reason and that he might do damage to some innocent person. After being confined at the county fail he brooded over his condition and came to the conclusion that he owed it to society to kill himself. He worried a great deal over a notion that others could read his thoughts. Holmes belongs to 2 good family residing in Boston, has been well educated to the four the supreme tent that the local tent was suspensent in a a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled and the paid their August assessment. Many members had then paid their August assessment and a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled and the paid their August assessment and a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled and the paid their August assessment and a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled assessment was a sessment. Many members had then paid their August assessment and a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled assessment was a sessment. Many members had then paid their August assessment and a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled and the paid their August assessment and a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled and the paid their August assessment and a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled for August assessment and a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled for August assessment and a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled for August assessment and a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in the filled for August assessment. Many members had then paid their August assessment land a shorting was alleged to have been discovered in their August asses Charles O. Holmes of Boston Loses nocent person. After being confined at the county fall he brooded over his condition and came to the conclusion that he owed it to society to kill himself. He worried a great deal over a notion that others could read his thoughts. Holmes belongs to 2 good family residing in Boston, has been well educated is about 28 years of age and evidently is very conscientious. The physicians think he will recover after a few months in the mental hospital.

> ONLY \$1.00. Ogden and Return,

The board of education last night ordered the cancellation of the warrant which was drawn some time ago for \$202 for the payment to Ogden City of the assessment for sidewalks in front of the High school. The board also notified the treasurer of Ogden City that the taxes against school property for any purpose age in the control of the property for any purpose age in the control of the warrant which was drawn to see the property for the control of the warrant with the cancel of the control of the warrant with the cancel of the control of the warrant which was drawn to get the control of the warrant which was drawn to get the control of the warrant which was drawn to get the control of the warrant which was drawn to get the control of the warrant which was drawn some time ago for \$202 for the assessment for sidewalks in front of the assessment for Sunday, Aug. 27th, via Oregon Short Line. Take any train up to 4:10 p. m., and returning leave Ogden at 3:40 or 6:30 p. m. The beautiful new Hermit-age hotel in Ogden canyon is now completed and open to the public. A pleasant day's outing. City ticket office, 201 Main street.

Special train leaves Salt Lake 6:40 illegal.

e board appointed two new teachers,
s Edith Roach and Miss Lillian Keating.
The superintendent recommended that the Chipp school be not opened this year, as the punils could be accommodated at the Five Points school, and if necessary, could be transported to and from that building at the expense of the board. The matter was referred to the teachers committee and superintendent for further report.

p. m. and returning leaves Ogden 1:30

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Greatest Ribbon Event of the Season

500 pieces of beautiful fancy chiffon taffeta ribbons, from 3 to 5 inches in width, come in plaids, polka dots, stripes and figures, bright and pretty. Sold regularly at 25c to 40c per yd., special sale today

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Please Note These Prices

Heavily plated medium size beauty pins, sold, regularly at /loc a dozen; our price today ... Gents' cuff links in several different patterns, regular 50c article for 5c 10c Men's collar button set, four pieces, 14-k gold filled, per set Ladics' 3-piece pearl waist sets, a 25c article everywhere, for 5€ 5c terling silver top hat pins, in various patterns, regular 25c pins, for

Infants' Short Dresses

Men's Night Shirts Men's night shirts made of the best quality muslin, trimmed with colored or white finish-ing braid; sizes 16, 17 and 18; 75c quality. Special for today—

43 Cents

Long Kimonas

Long kimonas, made lapanese figured lawns tucked yoke backs. Th garment is regularly sol up to \$1.75. To be cleare

98 Cents

\$2.25

\$3.50

\$1.25

Saturday Superb Showing of New Fall Millinery

UR supremacy in this department goes unchallenged, as it is well known that the Paris always comes to the front with the most attrac. tive and up-to-date ready-to- wear flats in the City. Our New York buyers have spent a great deal of time and attention to this particular department, and they have well sustained the reputation won in the past-for each Hat represents some particular feature, is correct in shape and model in style-ranging in various assortment of prices.

Polo Turbans in all the leading and attractive colors-shirred chiffon, trimmed

with buckle and wings, to begin the season. Polo Turbans in the beautiful shades off resede-Alice blue, navy and black, shirred chiffon and wings, \$6.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 ... The Travelers, in soft felt Hat, all the new and leading colors such as gray, brown,

opening season, \$3.00 and Patent leather Poles and the three cornered Continentals, a very catchy and clever effect. Choice of lot for Saturday Tourists' caps in all colors, very desirable

champagne, red, blue and gray for the

for travelers, campers, or any kind of an outing wear; Saturday prices, 65c and

Your choice of any embroidered White 98 cts Canvas Hats, values up to \$2.50, for

Do not miss the opportunity of calling and looking through the stock. If you are not a regular customer of the Paris don't let that stand in your way, as you are thoroughly welcome to look through without purchasing.

SAFE-CRACKERS DO PRACTICE WORK ON SAFE WHICH CONTAINS NO CASH

combination knob with a sledge. This, a brace and drill and a steel punch they had stolen from a neighboring black-

Safe-crackers apparently practiced the art of punching a combination lock in the Burton Coal company's office at Third West and Fifth South streets early yesterday morning. Their tools were found a few hours later when the office was opened.

In the face of a big pasteboard sign which warned cracksmen that the safe was unlocked and contained no money, these mechanics went to work at the combination knob with a sledge. This view to applying it later to son strong box. At any rate they couldn't have been after plunder.

had stolen from a neighboring blacksmith shop.

After they had knocked off the knob
and mutilated the sign to make it read
"Dynamite This Safe," they left. Their
tools were on the floor when the office
was opened by clerks.

have been after plunder.
The police were busy yesterday looking for the crooks. Only the other day
several known "yeggmen" were arrested and the next day released because
of impossibility to convict them as
vagrants.

EXCURSION TO OGDEN

Sunday, via Oregon Short Line. Round

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